



# Managing IT is not for me – Or is it?

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#### **SMB Market Trends**

- Projected to cross the \$1 trillion mark in IT spend in 2015 (*Gartner*)
- 42% of SMBs expected to increase IT budgets (*Gartner*)
- Top concerns:
  - Mobility and cloud
  - Operational efficiency and managing new technology
  - Data management and disaster planning



# **SMB Technology Needs**

Hardware

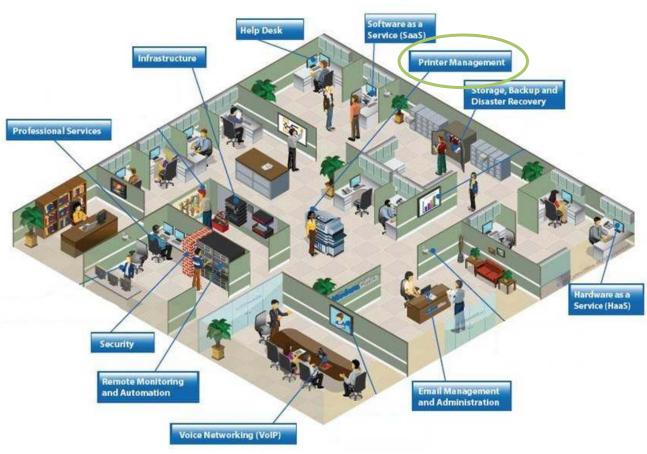
Security

**Data Protection** 

Communication

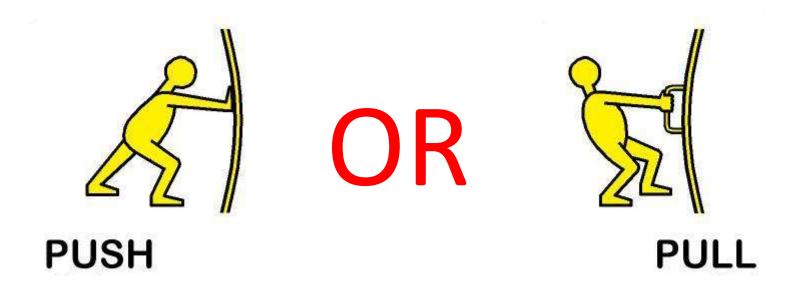
Software

Support





# Reality Is...





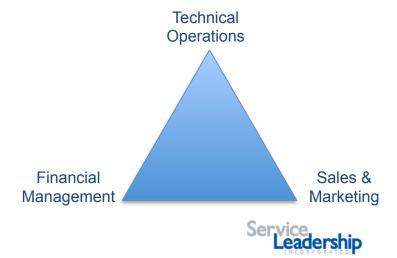
### **Concerns About Getting In**

- Resources required
- Risk of controlling the network
- Profitability of the model and ROI



# Resources Required

- Technical Operations
  - Tools
  - Network operations center and help desk
  - Staff (recruit, train, retain)
  - Technology stack (vendor partnerships and contracts)
  - Service delivery process





# Resources Required

- Sales and Marketing
  - Change the message marketing
  - Lead generation
  - Prospect and qualify current customer base
  - Identify a solutions specialist
  - Develop new sales process (solution)





# Resources Required

- Financial Management
  - Revenue Mix
    - Recurring = 40% at 40-60% margins
    - Product = 30% at 10-30% margins
    - Project = 30% at 60-80% margins
  - Tech utilization
    - Onboarding, projects, onsite
  - Sales activity
    - 1-2 per month at \$1,500





## **Key Mistakes to Avoid**

- 1. Target the *RIGHT* customer
- 2. Sell the concept, shift customer's view of IT
- 3. Take control, be holistic
- 4. Establish & maintain repeatable processes



#### Target the RIGHT Customer

#### Demographic

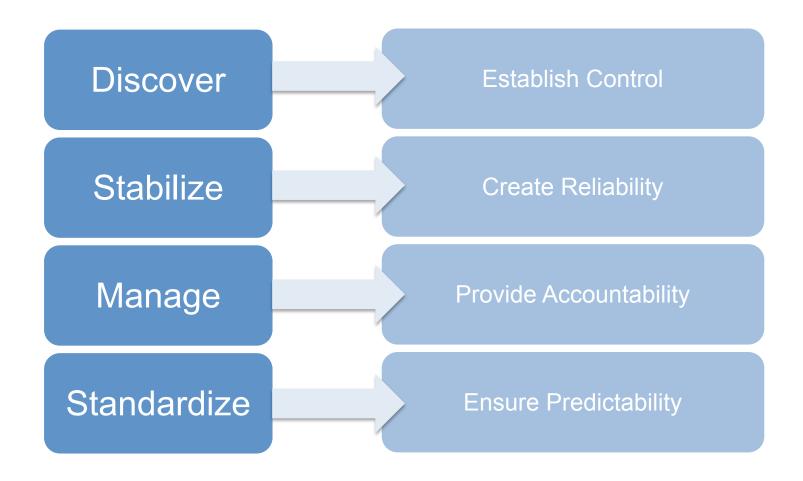
- 15-75 users
- Outsource IT service and support
- High \$\$ per hour
- View technology as an investment

#### Structure

- No internal IT
- Growing
- Technology dependent
- Basic, stable environment



## Sell the Concept: This is a Process

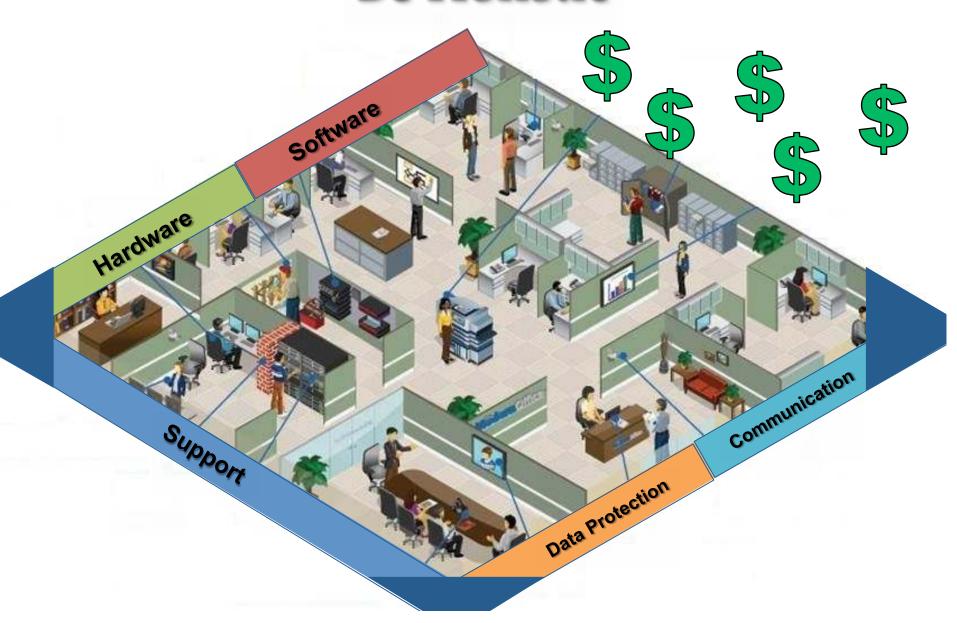




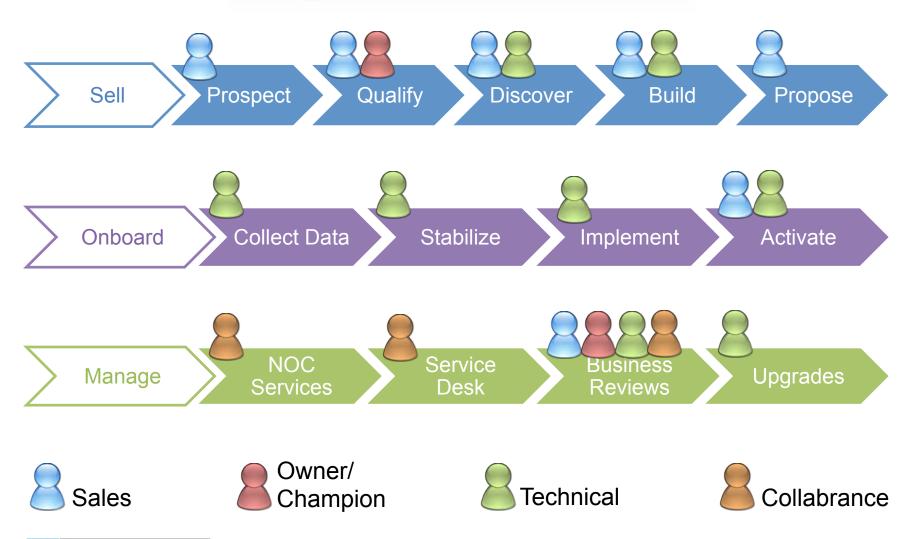
#### **Take Control**



# **Be Holistic**



## Repeatable Process





# **Benefits of Managed Services**

- Increase Profit
  - More than just print
  - More margin, trusted technology advisor
- Control Cost
  - More opportunities per rep
  - Predictable tech utilization
- Reduce Risk
  - Planned new revenue opportunities
  - Full account control



# Questions?

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